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A STORY OF THE ISLAND ESTATE.

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BOOK THIRD.

III.

MARGARET.

The dawn—washed with perfume.

A lady lies at point of dawn.

"There—child hath seen the light;

And the holy, fire and sun, and light.

She sorrow in a restless night.

Announcement.

Several months passed away, and winter gave

to spring. Again the season in the neighbor-

hood of Mont Crystal bloomed out in the per-

fect glory of beauty. Again the life of Rays

seemed a terrestrial paradise. But still Louis

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chain to which all other ties are shreds of cobweb. Ah, you know it now, Louis, and yet—

"I do think so, indeed, mother, and yet—"

"The 'yes' you have said, Louis, and yet—"

"Not another word—not one, my daughter! You must sleep now!" And napping the threatened con-

fusion in the hall, Mrs. Armstrong drew the em-

brocaded curtains, and retired from the bedside.

For the next three days, sunrise was coming

and going to and from Mont Crystal. Although

the country people severely censured the conduct

of the mother and daughter, and although they

had entered into a sort of tacit conspiracy to mortify

at the hall, yet few of the country ladies

could resist the attraction of the new-born baby,

the heir of two great estates as Mont Crystal and

the life of Rays, or the temptation of call-

ing upon the childlike mother. Her marriage had

been such a splendid triumph as to dazzle the

country people, and the marriage was as un-

derstood as a shock and stain, the neighborhood.

A babe was unexpectedly born. The doctor had

been sent. Doctors are great gossips; that

is one of their methods of curing, especially by

word. Now a doctor's gossip is a very bad

thing. He has thought it—his was young—was kept

so close. In fact, the country ladies wished to see

how Louis looked, and how Mrs. Armstrong de-

ported herself on these circumstances; and so

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SPEECH OF HON. JESSE C. DICKET, IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In reference to the admission of California and the subject of Slavery.

Made in Committee of the Whole, June 6, 1850.

Mr. DICKET said:

Mr. Chairman, I have not made an effort to

do the floor for the purpose of a display

of oratory on this all-important subject, which

will be said to be, not only the question of the

result, but the question of the result. For do

I presume that it will be possible for one of my

limited experience in legislation to throw any

new light upon a question which has been so

and learnedly discussed on this floor, by other

able men, or even to present old ideas in

such a manner as to command the attention of

the House, I have sought the floor for no such

purpose; but to define my position, and de-

signate the course which I shall pursue in re-

ference to a subject which has been the occasion of so

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